

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 03431 151408Z

42

ACTION ACDA-19

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20

USIA-15 TRSE-00 SAJ-01 OMB-01 EB-11 SAM-01 IO-14

AEC-11 OIC-04 SSO-00 INRE-00 DRC-01 /163 W

----- 041821

O P 151240Z JUN 74

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6386

SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USDEL MBFR VIENNA IMMEDIATE

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

S E C R E T USNATO 3431

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: REVISION OF MBFR DATA

REF: A) STATE 125561; B) BONN 9508

1. REF A REQUESTS MISSION'S VIEWS ON FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY
OF PROCESSING NEW FIGURES THROUGH ALLIANCE.

2. BASIC ISSUE WHICH WILL GOVERN OUR APPROACH IS WHETHER WASHINGTON
WISHES NEW DATA AGREED TO FOR MBFR PURPOSES ONLY, OR WHETHER THEY
SHOULD BECOME "NATO AGREED DATA" IN FORMAL INTELLIGENCE SENSE
OF TERM. IF THE LATTER, MISSION SEES NO ALTERNATIVE TO INTRODUCING
THEM AT A FUTURE NATO INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE (E.G. A SPECIAL
INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE; AN MC 224 CONFERENCE WITH REVISED TERMS
OF REFERENCE, OR A SPECIAL UP-DATE OF AN MC 161 CONFERENCE). SUCH
AN APPROACH WOULD TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND ADVANCE PREPARATIONS,
AND COULD SERVE TO DISRUPT ESTABLISHED PROCESSES WHEREBY ALLIES
SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 03431 151408Z

REACH AGREEMENT ON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

3. IF WE ARE TO SEEK ALLIED AGREEMENT ON NEW DATA FOR MBFR PURPOSES
ONLY, WE WOULD THEN PUT THEM FORWARD IN MBFR WG, WITH THE ARGUMENT

THAT FIGURES REPRESENT LATEST ESTIMATES (WE ASSUME MID-YEAR 1974 BUT WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S CONFIRMATION) WHICH AHG SHOULD HAVE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY IN VIEW OF CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS. WE WOULD ADD THAT FIGURES SO AGREED COULD THEN BE INTRODUCED AT NEXT APPROPRIATE NATO INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE, FOR CONFIRMATION AS NATO AGREED DATA.

4. IN INFORMAL BILATERAL CONTACTS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT UK STRONGLY SUPPORTS CONCEPT OF AGREEING TO FIGURES FOR MBFR PURPOSES ONLY, AND NOW WISHES TO AVOID THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. UK DEL TELLS US THIS IS BECAUSE THEIR PRINCIPAL CONCERNS AND OBJECTIVES HAVE NOW BEEN OVERCOME AS A RESULT OF RECENT BILATERALS ON DATA IN WASHINGTON.

5. IF WE CAN RELY ON UK AND FRG SUPPORT FOR REF A FIGURES, WE THINK WE WILL HAVE GOOD CHANCE OF SELLING THEM IN WG FORUM ON THE BASIS OF THEIR BEING VALID FOR MBFR PURPOSES ONLY. UK IS PERSUADED THAT OTHERS WILL GO ALONG IF THEY ARE ASSURED THAT THE THREE ALLIES HAVING CAPABILITIES IN INTELLIGENCE FIELD CAN AGREE. THEY ALSO BELIEVE FRG WILL GO ALONG WITH THIS APPROACH. AS YET, HOWEVER, MISSION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LEARN THROUGH FRG DEL OF FIRM GERMAN POSITION ON REF A DATA, BUT NOTE FROM REF B THAT THEY ARE STILL UNDER STUDY. WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION FROM EMBASSY BONN OF GERMAN POSITION.

6. IF WASHINGTON AGREES WITH APPROACH OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON FIGURES FOR MBFR PURPOSES ONLY (AND PROVIDED WE CAN GET FRG ON BOARD IN TIME) WE PROPOSE TO INTRODUCE DATA AT NEXT WG MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21. MEANWHILE, USDELMC BELIEVES WASHINGTON SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION AS TO SPECIFICS OF HOW FIGURES AGREED FOR MBFR PURPOSES WOULD BE CONFIRMED AT A LATER DATE WITHIN NATO INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS, AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DIA ON THIS ASPECT OF THE OVERALL SUBJECT.

7. EVEN IF WE DO PUT FORWARD DATA IN WG WITH STRONG UK (AND HOPEFULLY FRG) ENDORSEMENT, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY ENCOUNTER SOME ALLIED CRITICISM AND PROBABLE IMS EXASPERATION
SECRET

PAGE 03 NATO 03431 151408Z

THAT U.S. IS AGAIN PROPOSING TO CHANGE WP FIGURES, IN THIS CASE HARD ON THE HEELS OF AN AGREED WG DATA PACKAGE (AC/276-D(74)5). TO CIRCUMVENT ANY SUCH POSSIBILITY, WE PROPOSE TO SAY THAT U.S. WAS NOW INITIATING ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL TO UP-DATE THE MBFR DATA BASE SEMI-ANNUALLY (AGAIN FOR MBFR PURPOSES ONLY) USING LATEST AVAILABLE (AND ON THIS OCCASION TRILATERALLY AGREED) INFORMATION. WE COULD ALSO SAY THAT U.S. PLANS TO DO THIS AGAIN TOWARD END OF YEAR 1974, THUS INSTITUTIONALIZING A PATTERN WHICH WOULD MEET CONTINUING REQUIREMENTS OF AHG, BUT WITHOUT DISTURBING NATO INTELLIGENCE CONFERENCE PROCESS. IF ASKED BY IMS, CAN WE SAY THAT U.S. WILL MAKE AVAILABLE DETAILED BREAKDOWNS OF REF A FIGURES FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT REVISION OF ANNEX B OF WG DATA PACKAGE?

8. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, WE URGE THAT USDEL MBFR NOT SURFACE
REF A FIGURES IN AHG UNTIL AFTER U.S. INTRODUCES THEM IN
NATO HEADQUARTERS.

9. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER DATA SHOULD BE AGREED TO FOR MBFR
PURPOSES ONLY, OR WHETHER WASHINGTON WISHES THEM TO BECOME NATO
AGREED. WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW VALIDITY DATE OF NEW FIGURES, AND
ACCEPTABILITY OF OUR APPROACH PROPOSED IN PARA 7 ABOVE.
MCAULIFFE.

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 11 JUN 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ATO03431
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740687/abbryvrt.tel
Line Count: 120
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: A) STATE 125561; B) BONN 9508
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags: ANOMALY
Review Date: 22 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 MAR 2002 by collinp0>; APPROVED <08 MAY 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR: REVISION OF MBFR DATA
TAGS: PARM, NATO
To: STATE
SECDEF INFO BONN
LONDON
MBFR VIENNA
USNMR SHAPE
USCINCEUR
Type: TE

Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005